

Merrick County Board Minutes



July 26, 2016

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 9:06 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Kucera, Weller, Kreachbaum, Carlson, Helgoth, and Wiegert present. County Attorney Homolka was also present.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil and The Palmer Journal and on the Merrick County website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed to each Supervisor and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Wiegert declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:06 a.m.

Moved Kucera, second Graves to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:06 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Agenda: Moved Kreachbaum, second Helgoth to approve the agenda. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Moved Weller, second Kucera to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2016 meeting as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Carlson, Weller, and Wiegert attended Jake Bauer's graduation from the Law Enforcement Training Center; Graves attended the hospital meeting; Weller attended the Bader Park meeting and the Central District Health meeting and Kreachbaum sat in on the Ag Society's meeting.

Official reports: Assessor Placke gave the Board a copy of the Cemetery report and her three year assessment plan. Veteran Service Officer Berry introduced the new Veteran Service Officer Tom Reimers to the Board and gave a brief view of his past accomplishments. Sheriff Westman and Emergency Management Tom Smith gave updates on their departments.

Hospital update: Julie Murray gave the Board a brief update on Litzenberg Hospital.

Grant 16-CB0535: Moved Kucera, second Carlson to have the Chairman sign the grant award and special conditions for grant 16-CB0535 for Juvenile Diversion. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Juvenile Diversion: Julie Beyer, Juvenile Diversion Officer gave a report card for her job to the Board so they could see what the county's money was being used for.

Six month report: County Treasurer Bolte presented her six month report to the Board.

Tax sales: County Treasure Bolte gave the Board a list of properties that went on the tax sales.

Chicken facilities: Board listened to the discussion between Merrick County residents, chicken facility owner, DEQ, Planning & Zoning, and I FAN about the chicken facility being built by the Prairie Creek. Some of the concerns were setbacks, health, disease, and what was going to be done about the manure.

Leasing of tractor: Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to lease a tractor from Grosshans for the indoor arena for 50 hours and anything over 50 hours would be paid for by the Ag Society. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Drug Court: Cindy Betka, Drug Court Coordinator and four participants in the drug court came before the Board and let the Board know what the drug court has done for them and what it means to them and how it saves the County money.

NIRMA direction: Moved Kreachbaum, second Weller to have Highway Superintendent Meyer do a study on the intersections of 14th and T and 15th and T Roads. Roll Call: All Ayes

Storage: The Board said the offices in the Courthouse should work out the storage area among their offices.

Distress warrants: Sheriff Westman gave the Board a report on the distress warrants that have been delivered and the ones that could not be delivered.

4H Building rental fees: The rental fees discussion was tabled until a later meeting.

Recess: Board recessed for lunch at 12:40 p.m. and returned at 1:40 p.m.

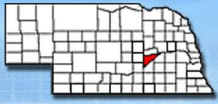
Dental insurance: Moved Carlson, second Graves to continue the dental insurance with Delta Dental with an increase of \$1.45 for single and \$4.30 for family. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Budget request: Silver Creek Township submitted a budget request of \$9,501.30 for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

After hours: The Board discussed and heard concerns regarding people in the courthouse after business hours and the safety and security of courthouse officials and staff. The Board said that a deputy from the Sheriff's Office shall do a check on the courthouse every day. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to have County Clerk Wichmann contact NIRMA about having the US Marshall's Office come and give the County an assessment of security needs of the courthouse free of charge. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Dumpster: The cost for the garbage dumpster out at the county shop will come out of the road budget.

Petty cash: The discussion on the Extension Office petty cash was tabled until a later date.



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Executive session: Moved Kucera, second Graves to go into executive session at 3:00 p.m. for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Carlson to come out of executive session at 3:56 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Budget discussion: The Board went over the Building & Grounds budget. Board will meet on Monday, August 8, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. to work on the budget.

July 2016 payroll: The July 2016 payroll was presented for approval: General, Gross: \$124,296.96 Net: \$84,625.63, Roads, Gross: \$50,509.56 Net: \$35,170.20, Juvenile Diversion, Gross: \$3,577.00 Net: \$2,583.05. Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve the July 2016 payroll as submitted. Roll Call: All Ayes.

The quarterly jail inspection was cancelled until the next Board meeting.

Adjourn: Moved Helgoth, second Kucera to adjourn at 4:08 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk